

School Employees' Health Benefits Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 26, 2018; 10:00 AM

Adequate notice of this meeting was provided through the annual notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the Commission filed with and prominently posted in the offices of the Secretary of State. The annual meeting notice was mailed to the Secretary of State, Star Ledger and the Trenton Times on December 20, 2017.

The meeting of the School Employees' Health Benefits Commission of New Jersey was called to order on Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 10:00 AM. The meeting was held at the Division of Pensions and Benefits, 50 West State Street in Trenton.

The text of Resolution A (Closed Session) and Resolution B (Executive Session) were read in their entirety in the event that the Commission desires, at any point in the meeting, to approve a motion to go into closed or executive session.

Acting Secretary Ludwig took Roll Call and established that a quorum was present.

Roll Call

**Commissioners:**

**Sonia Rivera-Perez**, representing State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio

**Holly Gaenzle**, representing Dept. of Banking and Insurance Commissioner Marlene Caride

**Kevin Kelleher**, NJEA

**Dan Goldman**, NJEA

**Julie Giordano Plotkin**, NJEA

**Cynthia Jahn**, N.J. School Boards Association

**Michael Maillaro**, AFL-CIO

**Also Present:**

**Amy Chung**, Deputy Attorney General

**David Pointer**, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Mark Cipriano**, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Nicole Ludwig**, New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits

**Interim Chair:**

Commissioner Goldman made a motion to appoint Commissioner Kelleher as the interim chair; Commissioner Maillaro seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**Meeting Minutes:**

Commissioner Rivera-Perez made a motion to approve meeting minutes from May 23, 2018; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Goldman made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 11, 2018 with a correction to Commissioner Rivera-Perez's title; Commissioner Maillaro seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Plan Year 2019 SHEBP PDC Resolutions**

Chairperson Kelleher stated that the Commission would need to reapprove the Plan Year 2019 PDC resolutions due to notice concerns at the September 19, 2018 meeting..

Commissioner Maillaro made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-01; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Maillaro made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**Plan year 2019 Rate Renewals:**

The Commission was presented with the updated Rate Renewal reports. Chairperson Kelleher noted that looking at the charts of the various plans, the new plan is presented on a separate page and questioned how the chart of the plans will be displayed on the NJDPB website so members can see all the plan options. Mr. Cipriano stated that the NJDPB is working out the best format. Commissioner Jahn noted that to encourage participation, the chart needs to be really easy for members to see.

After review of the 2019 rate renewals, Commissioner Plotkin made a motion to approve the 2019 Rate Renewals; Commissioner Maillaro seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Plotkin made a motion to go into Closed session; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**The following cases, due to HIPAA regulations, were heard in Closed Session:**

**Commission Appeals:**

**CASE # 09251801:** Commissioner Maillaro made a motion to approve the Final Administrative Determination; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CASE # 09251802:** The member appeals OptumRx's denial of coverage of a prescription drug that exceeds the quantity limit as set by the plan for the dosage requested. The plan would cover the quantity requested at a lower dosage for the medical condition indicated. Commissioner Jahn made a motion to deny the appeal; Commissioner Goldman seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**CASE 09251803:** The member appeals OptumRx's denial of coverage of a prescription drug, a DESI drug, which is not FDA approved and is excluded from the Plan's formulary. OptumRx explained the category of DESI drugs Chairperson Kelleher stated that OptumRx is operating the plan as designed and implementing according to the contract. Commissioner Rivera-Perez made a motion to deny the appeal; Commissioner Jahn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Plotkin made a motion to go into Executive Session to review the Workers compensation cases; Commissioner Maillaro seconded the motion, all voted in favor.

**Workers Compensation**

**Case #09251804, #09251805, #09251806, #09251807, #09251808** - Commissioner Goldman made a motion to approve the settlement proposals en-bloc. Commissioner Maillaro seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Commissioner Goldman requested presentations from the carriers on Sensitivity training at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Commissioner Goldman made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Rivera-Perez seconded the motion. All voted in favor, the meeting adjourned at 10:41am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Ludwig". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Ludwig  
Acting Secretary, School Employees' Health Benefits Commission